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For: METHOD OF FORMING A  
METAL SEED LAYER FOR  
SUBSEQUENT PLATING

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species covered by claims 1-21, 47-69, 112, and 113, with traverse.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

22. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [further comprising a step] wherein the act of forming said barrier layer containing a reducing agent further comprises forming a silicon-containing layer on [a top surface of the] said barrier layer [prior to the metal seed layer forming step], said silicon-containing layer being said reducing agent.